

Dear Warden:

Below please find a warden message that was issued by the U.S. Embassy in Peru. We are sending this information to you in case you plan to travel to Cuzco or the surrounding areas. Please share this warden message with any U.S. citizens in Bolivia with whom you have contact. We hope this information is useful to you. If we may provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services Unit  
U.S. Embassy La Paz, Bolivia

**WARDEN MESSAGE**  
**U.S. EMBASSY LA PAZ, BOLIVIA**  
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On January 28 the Peruvian Government declared a 60-day state of emergency in Cusco Province, in the Peruvian Andes, because unusually severe seasonal rains caused flooding and landslides. The capital city of Lima is not affected.

Peruvian authorities announced the Machu Picchu archeological park and Inca Trail are closed. The rail line between Ollantaytambo and Aguas Calientes, the base camp for Machu Picchu, is closed due to landslides and will remain closed possibly until March. There is flooding along the Urubamba River in the Sacred Valley.

Tourist sites within the city of Cusco are open and operating as usual. Regular flights in and out of the city of Cusco continue, but delays due to bad weather are not uncommon.

The rainy season in Cusco generally lasts into March, but the El Nino phenomenon this year may aggravate or extend the rainy season. Travelers may wish to monitor the media and consult with their travel professional for up to date information on closings at individual sites, and may consider deferring travel until conditions improve.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section, located

in Monterrico, a suburb of Lima, at Avenida La Encalada, Block Seventeen; telephone 51-1-618-2000 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or for after-hours emergencies; fax 51-1-618-2397, or 618-2724 (American Citizen Services Unit); Internet website at <http://lima.usembassy.gov/>. The Consular Section is open for American Citizens Services, including registration, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 am weekdays, excluding U.S. and Peruvian holidays. The U.S. Consular Agency in Cusco, Peru, can be found at Avenida Pardo 845, Cusco. The office can be reached by phone at (51-84) 231-474, and is open Monday thru Friday, excluding U.S. and Peruvian holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.